

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edouard Garcia (Reg. No. 38,461) on 12/4/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding claim 1:

In line 1, insert between --“comprising”-- and --“:”-- the following phrase --“ operating a computer processor to perform operations comprising”--.

Regarding claim 32:

In line 8, remove the second ";".

Regarding claim 33:

In line 2, insert between --“comprising”-- and --“:”-- the following phrase --“ operating a computer processor to perform operations comprising”--.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to papers filed on 8/12/08.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to applicant's amendment received on 8/12/08, all requested changes to the claims have been entered. Claims 38 and 39 have been added. Claim 31 has been cancelled.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see remarks, pages 10-14, filed 8/12/08, with respect to claims 1, 18, 32 and 33 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1, 18, 32 and 33 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-30 and 32-39 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As indicated in the Applicant's remarks, pages 10-14, the claims are now allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON W. CARTER whose telephone number is (571)272-7445. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 4:30 am (Mon. - Fri.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571) 272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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